

Pathway to major in Physics

Year 1 / Level I (not more than 30 units)				
S1	# PHYSICS 1100 Physics IA	# MATHS 1011 Mathematics IA	** Δ Approved Level I Elective	SCIENCE 1400 <i>Science or Fiction I</i>
S2	# PHYSICS 1200 Physics IB	# MATHS 1012 Mathematics IB	** Approved Level I Elective	Approved Level I Elective
Year 2 / Level II				
S1	PHYSICS 2510 Physics IIA	MATHS 2101 Multivariable & Complex Calculus	MATHS 2102 Differential Equations	Approved Level II Elective
S2	† PHYSICS 2520 Physics IIB	PHYSICS 2534 Electromagnetism II	‡ PHYSICS 2532 Classical Physics II	PHYSICS 2530 Astrophysics II
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Year 3 / Level III (at least 24 units)				
S1	‡ PHYSICS 3542 Physics III (6 units)		§ ‡ Δ PHYSICS 3534 Computational Physics III or Approved Level III Elective	§ PHYSICS 3532 Atmospheric and Astrophysics III or Approved Level III Elective
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S2	PHYSICS 3002 Experimental Physics III	§‡ PHYSICS 3544 Quantum Mechanics III or Approved Level III Elective	§‡ PHYSICS 3006 Advanced Dynamics and Relativity III or Approved Level III Elective	§+ PHYSICS 3540 Optics and Photonics III or Approved Level III Elective

ALL COURSES ARE WORTH 3 UNITS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

Key

Core Course	Elective Course	Course for Major

Check [Course Planner](#) or with the Faculty of Sciences Office to ensure you meet the pre-requisites prior to enrolling into these courses.

** Students who successfully complete CHEM 1101 Foundations of Chemistry IA and CHEM 1201 Foundations of Chemistry IB and who wish to continue their study of Chemistry at Level II will be required to undertake an additional course, CHEM 1312 Foundations of Chemistry IS during Summer School before commencing Level II Chemistry studies.

Complementary Majors

The following majors are often pursued by students as well as the above major, as a complementary field

- Chemistry
- Geology
- Geophysics
- Mathematics

§ You must complete **at least one** of these courses in addition to PHYSICS 3542 and PHYSICS 3002 to complete the Major.

Enrolment Advice

- It is your responsibility to ensure you are correctly enrolled. Enrolment into courses outside of the Study Plan and Enrolment Advice listed could affect your eligibility to graduate.
- A total of **72 units** are required to complete Bachelor of Science program.
- No more than 30 units of courses can be completed at Level I.
- At least 24 units of Science courses must be completed at Level III.
- A candidate may substitute an appropriate course chosen from Level II to fulfil the requirements of Level I, or from Level III to fulfil the requirements of Level I or II.
- There is a limitation on the amount of 'Non-Science' courses that can be presented. **Do not assume that because a course is offered through Sciences, that it automatically counts as 'Science'** (e.g. Animal Science courses). Please refer to your [Program Rules](#).
- No level III course may be used to meet the requirements of more than one major. (For example, if *Soil Ecology and Nutrient Cycling* is used to qualify for a Soil Science major, it cannot also be used to qualify for an Ecology Major).
- Please consult your [Program Coordinator](#) or contact the Sciences Service Hub for advice.

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Δ COMP SCI 1012 or COMP SCI 1011 or COMP SCI 1102 is a pre-requisite for PHYSICS 3534 Computational Physics III

† PHYSICS 2520 is a pre-requisite for PHYSICS 3540 Optics and Photonics III.

‡ PHYSICS 2532 Classical Physics II is a pre-requisite for PHYSICS 3006 Advanced Dynamics and Relativity III and PHYSICS 3534 Computational Physics and assumed knowledge for PHYSICS 3542 Physics III and PHYSICS 3544 Quantum Mechanics III.

Enrolment Advice – Courses

- Only ONE of BIOLOGY 1201 Biology I: Human Perspectives or BIOLOGY 1202 Biology I: Organisms may be presented towards the Bachelor of Science.
- The following courses cannot be presented towards the Bachelor of Science:
 - ANAT SC 1102 Human Biology IA
 - ANAT SC 1103 Human Biology IB
 - COMP SCI 1003 Internet Computing

Electives and Broadening

You may complete up to 9 units of 'Non-Science' elective courses at Level I or Level II. Of these courses, a maximum of 6 units can be chosen at Level I from other Faculties of the University. Note that no courses at Level III can be chosen from other Faculties of the University

You must complete Elective courses to fulfil the requirements of your Program: Please refer to your Program Rules for electives and all other requirements <https://calendar.adelaide.edu.au/faculty/sciences>

For information about electives from other faculties, course restrictions and pre-requisites, search the course planner: <https://access.adelaide.edu.au/courses/search.asp>

Variations for students who commenced in or prior to 2012

- Level III: Required to complete PHYSICS 3002 Experimental Physics III and PHYSICS 3542 Physics III. An approved Level III elective can be undertaken in lieu of 3 units of Level III PHYSICS elective courses.
- Level I core course SCIENCE 1100 Principles & Practice of Science I, has now been replaced by SCIENCE 1400 Science or Fiction I.

Global Experience

The University of Adelaide is committed to offering its students the opportunity to study overseas through an International Experience. This experience is available in a wide range of degrees and can include student exchange (for either one or two full semesters), study tours, internships and placements. There are many exciting opportunities in Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa, and Oceania ranging from a few weeks to a full academic year.

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Further Information and Enrolment Advice

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